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SUBJECT: VISIT OF YUGOSLAV MISSION TO GUYANA

1. DURING CALL ON CHARGE YESTERDAY (JANUARY 18), YUGOSLAV CONSULTANTS ZDRAVKO SVIGIR, HEAD OF REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP IN TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE OF CROATIA, AND BORIS VOKONIC, SENIOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT, FACULTY OF FOREIGN TRADE AT UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, INDICATED GOY MAY ASSIST ON SMALL SCALE WITH DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANESE TOURIST FACILITIES IN THE INTERIOR. BOTH REPRESENTATIVES THOUGH WERE PESSIMISTIC OF ANY LARGE SCALE YUGOSLAV ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA OR EVEN OF THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING SUCH FACILITIES CITING THE TOTAL LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRAINED PERSONNEL AND FINANCING. VUKONIC THOUGHT THAT AT THIS TIME ONLY VIABLE LOCATION FOR DOMESTIC TOURIST DEVELOPMENT IS KAITEUR FALLS IN CENTRAL GUYANA AND ORINDUIK FALLS ON BRAZILIAN-GUYANESE BORDER. CONSULTANTS INDICATED

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THAT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND GOY DECISION IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN APPROXIMATELY 4-6 MONTHS.

2. LOCAL PRESS HERE INITIALLY GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO ARRIVAL OF YUGOSLAV MISSION JANUARY 8 UNDER AUSPICES OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SINCE GOG HAS

STRONG INTEREST IN DEVELOPING TOURIST INFRASTRUCTURE
PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC USE. GOG HOPES EVENTUALLY
TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE PREFERENCE OF GUYANESE FROM
NIAGARA FALLS TO KAITEUR FALLS PRESUMABLY IF FOREIGN
CURRENCY EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS FOR HOLIDAY TRAVEL
MUST REMAIN IN FORCE IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. GUYANESE
WOULD THEN HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR PREFERENCES FROM
BRIGHT LIGHTS OF CANADA, U.S., AND GREAT BRITIAN TO
SCENIC WONDERS OF MATTHEWS RIDGE, LETHEM AND THE
TWO FALLS THAT WERE THE PRIMARY AREAS SURVEYED BY
YUGOSLAV TEAM. WE BELIEVE GOG WOULD BE OVERLY
OPTIMISTIC IN THIS REGARD.
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